

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6 at line 29 as follows:

The implants also have a leading end and trailing end that are spaced apart along the longitudinal axis of the implant. In general, a transverse cross section taken through the longitudinal axis of the present implants has a substantially "I" shaped configuration. The "central support member" forms the vertical arm of the "I" and the "transverse members" form the horizontal arms defining the free ends of the "I". In use, the central support member is typically oriented parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vertebral column and the transverse members are oriented perpendicular.